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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 23-June-2005 has been entered.
2. The amendment filed on 23-June-2005 has been received and entered. Claims 1-18 are pending

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Claim 13 recite the limitation "the aircraft engine manufacturer" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 13 recite the limitation "the business partner" in line 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 14-18 are dependent on independent claim 13; therefore, carry the same deficiencies.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hess et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,417).

As to claim 6, Hess et al. discloses a system for communicating information to a user via a computer including a browser (See Hess et al. column 6, lines 57-63), said system comprising:

a first server system operated by a first business entity comprising a first web server and a first database including data owned by the first business entity, said first web server coupled to said first database and to said network, said first web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a first web site populated with data from said first database (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4); and

a second server system operated by a second business entity comprising a second web server and a second database including data owned by the second business entity, said second web server coupled to said second database and to said network, said second

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web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a second web site populated with data from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the first website by the first business entity and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the second website by the second business entity, data stored in said first server system database selectively accessible to said browser via said second server system, data stored in said second server system database accessible to the user browser via said first server system (See Hess et al. column 5, lines 4-41, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 10-63, also see Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9).

As to claim 7, Hess et al. discloses wherein said data stored in said first server system and said second server system accessible to the user browser based on individual access privileges (See Hess et al. column 7, lines 15-32).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hess et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,417) in view of Garrow et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0194160 A1).

As to claim 1, Hess et al. discloses a method for communicating information using a system including a first server system operated by a first business entity and a second server system operated by a second business entity, the first server system including a first web server hosting a website of the first business entity and a first database including data owned by the first business entity, the second server system including a second web server hosting a website of the second business entity and a second database including data owned by the second business entity (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4), said method comprising the steps of:

coupling the first web server to the first database, wherein the first web server populates a first web site with data from the first database, the data including information that the first business entity wishes to share with the second business entity (See Hess et al. column 5, lines 4-41, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 10-63, also see Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9);

coupling the second web server to the second database, wherein the second web server populates a second web site with data from the second database, the data including information that the second business entity wishes to share with the first business entity (See Hess et al. column 5, lines 4-41, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 10-63, also see Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9);

synchronizing the first web site and the second web site to function together as a collaborative web site (See Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9);

selectively accessing the first web site and the data stored in the first server system database by the second business entity via the collaborative website such that at

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least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the first website by the first business entity and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the second website by the second business entity (See Hess et al. column 10, lines 45-67, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 34-67); and

selectively accessing the second web site and the data stored in the second server system database by the first business entity via the collaborative website (See Hess et al. column 10, lines 45-67, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 34-67).

Hess et al. does not teach aircraft and aircraft engine information.

Garrow et al. teaches aircraft and aircraft engine information (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. to include aircraft and aircraft engine information.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. by the teaching of Garrow et al. to include aircraft and aircraft engine information because providing specific records dealing with one industry allows for efficiency and effective tracking of information thereby reducing business costs associated with the aircraft industry.

As to claim 2, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said step of coupling the first web server to the first database further comprises the step of providing a first server system (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4) hosted by an aircraft

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engine manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

As to claim 3, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said step of coupling the second web server to the second database further comprises the step of providing a second server system (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4) hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

As to claim 4, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said step of selectively accessing the first web site and the data stored in the first server system further comprises the step of selectively accessing data from the first and second server systems based on individual access privileges (See Hess et al. column 7, lines 15-32).

As to claim 5, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said step of selectively accessing data stored in the first server system further comprises the step of selectively accessing (See Hess et al. column 7, lines 15-32) at least one of aircraft engine and aircraft data relating to at least one of general information data, plans and schedules data, propulsion systems data, and engineering data (See Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

As to claim 8, Hess et al. discloses said first server system, said second server system hosted by a business partner (See Hess et al. Figure 1).

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Hess et al. does not teach hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer.

Garrow et al. teaches hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. to include hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. by the teaching of Garrow et al. to include hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer because providing specific records dealing with one industry allows for efficiency and effective tracking of information thereby reducing business costs associated with the aircraft industry.

As to claims 9, and 10, Hess et al. discloses wherein at least one of said first database and said second (See Hess et al. Figure 4).

Hess et al. does not teach database includes aircraft engine data relating to at least one of general information data, propulsion systems data, and engineering.

Garrow et al. teaches database includes aircraft engine data relating to at least one of general information data, propulsion systems data, and engineering (See Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer; plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. by the teaching of Garrow et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer; and at least one of plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering because providing specific records dealing with one industry allows for efficiency and effective tracking of information thereby reducing business costs associated with the aircraft industry.

As to claim 12, Hess et al. discloses a database structure configured to be protected from access by unauthorized individuals (See Hess et al. column 7, lines 15-32), said database structure comprising a first database and a second database, said first database coupled to a first server system, said second database coupled to a second server system (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4, and see Hess et al. column 6, lines 57-63), at least one of said first database and said second database including information relating to at least one of general information, said first database linked to a first web site configured to be populated with data from said first database, said second database linked to a second web site configured to be populated from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such as at least portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the first website by the manufacturer and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the second website (See Hess et al. column 5, lines 4-41, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 10-63, also see Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9).

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Hess et al. does not teach hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer; and at least one of plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering.

Garrow et al. teaches hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071);

and at least one of plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering (See Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer; plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. by the teaching of Garrow et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer; hosted by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer; and at least one of plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering because providing specific records dealing with one industry allows for efficiency and effective tracking of information thereby reducing business costs associated with the aircraft industry.

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As to claim 13, Hess et al. discloses a web-based communications system comprising:

a computer comprising a browser; a network coupled to said computer (See Hess et al. Figure 4);

a first server system comprising a first web server and a first database, said first web server coupled to said first database and to said network, said first web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a first web site populated with data from said first database (See Hess et al. Figure 1, also see Hess et al. Figure 4, and see Hess et al. column 6, lines 57-63); and

a second server system comprising a second web server and a second database, said second web server coupled to said second database and to said network, said second web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a second web site populated with data from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the first website and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative website is hosted from the second website, data stored in said first server system database selectively accessible to said browser via said second server system, data stored in said second server system database is selectively accessible to said browser via said first server system (See Hess et al. column 5, lines 4-41, also see Hess et al. column 6, lines 10-63, also see Hess et al. column 9, lines 1-9).

Hess et al. does not teach hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer or a partner of the aircraft manufacturer.

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Garrow et al. teaches hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer or a partner of the aircraft manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer or a partner of the aircraft manufacturer.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hess et al. by the teaching of Garrow et al. to include hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer or a partner of the aircraft manufacturer because providing specific records dealing with one industry allows for efficiency and effective tracking of information thereby reducing business costs associated with the aircraft industry.

As to claim 14, Hess et al. as modified discloses said first server system hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer, said second server system hosted by an aircraft manufacturer (See Garrow et al. page 6, paragraph 0058, also see Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071, wherein “turbine engine” reads on “jet engine”).

As to claim 15, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said data stored in said first server system and said second server system accessible to the user browser based on based on individual access privileges (See Hess et al. column 7, lines 15-32).

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As to claims 16, and 18, Hess et al. as modified discloses wherein said browser configured to selectively display aircraft engine data relating to at least one of general information data, plans and schedules data, propulsion systems data, and engineering data (See Garrow et al. column 9, lines 47-67, also see Garrow et al. page 8, paragraphs 0068-0071).

10. Claims 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hess et al. (U.S. Patent 6,058,417) in view of Garrow et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0194160 A1) as applied to claims 2-3, 5-10, 12, 14-16, and 18 above, and further in view of Glass et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,278,965).

As to claim 11 Hess et al. as modified teaches said first database and said second database (See Hess et al. Figure 4).

Hess et al. as modified still does not teach wherein at least one of said database maintains a record of navigation changes.

Glass et al. teaches wherein at least one of said first database and said second database maintains a record of navigation changes (See column 5, lines 34-51, wherein “maintains a record” reads on “flight history”, also see column 22, lines 38-63, wherein “navigational changes” reads on “flight plans”).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have further modified Hess et al. as modified to include wherein at least one of said first database and said second database maintains a record of navigation changes.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have further modified Hess et al. as modified by the teaching of Glass et al. to include wherein at least one of said first database and said second database maintains a record of navigation changes because the partnership will reduce business costs by introducing efficient information retrieval and processing.

As to claim 17, Hess et al. as modified still does not teach wherein said browser configured to selectively display an historical log relating to navigational changes to said user interface.

Glass et al. teaches wherein said browser configured to selectively display an historical log (See column 5, lines 41-48) relating to navigational changes (See column 5, lines 34-51, wherein “maintains a record” reads on “flight history”, also see column 22, lines 38-63, wherein “navigational changes” reads on “flight plans”) to said user interface (See column 11, lines 12-22).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have further modified Hess et al. as modified to include wherein said browser configured to selectively display an historical log relating to navigational changes to said user interface.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have further modified Hess et al. as modified by the teaching of Glass et al. to include wherein said browser configured to selectively display an historical log relating to navigational changes to said user interface because the partnership will reduce business costs by introducing efficient information retrieval and processing.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Boone et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0046131 A1) teaches collaborative e-commerce site.


13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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